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CONTRACT CRYSTAL GROWTH AND FABRICATION SERVICES

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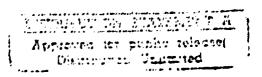
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SUMMARY

This program is intended to give the scientists at the Naval Research Laboratory the ability to evaluate new soud state laser crystals. During the fifth quarter of this contract only one growth run was performed, the tonth since project start.

CRYSTAL GROWTH

The crystal requested and grown was Er,Tm:YAG. The melt composition is listed in Table 19It was assumed that the distribution coefficients are unity and that the crystal composition will be the same as the melt.

TABLE 1: Composition

Growth Run	Melt composition	Nominal Doping at% (cm ⁻³)		
NRL-10	Y _{2.685} Er _{0.3} Tm _{0.015} Al ₅ O ₁₂	10 % Er (1.4x10 ²¹) 0.5 % Tm (6.9x10 ¹⁹)		

The growth conditions are listed in Table 2. The crystal grew well and only 6 widely separated scattering sites were observed. A green flourescence was observed with a bright fiber optic inspection light.

TABLE 2: Growth Conditions

Growth Run	Pull Rate mm/Hr	Rotation RPM	Oxygen %	Average <u>Diameter</u> mm	•	Fraction Crystallized %
NRL-10	1.5	10	0.3	31	67	27

PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Fabricate diode pumpable rods from NRL-10. At this time no further runs have been scheduled.

